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what's happening at the bridge

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Our mission at the bridge Presbyterian Church is to help people

**Connect with God's people in your life
Connect with God's purpose in your life
Connect with God's passion for your life**

Sun. June 14 – 10:00 am - Sunday Services via FB live

Sun. June 21 – 10:00 am - Sunday Services via FB live

Sun. June 28 – **9:00 am** - Sunday Services via FB live and from the balcony at the bridge

Facebook Live and Zoom

FB LIVE and Zoom - Wed. at 12:30

Before the service visiting time Zoom - 9:25 - 9:55

Sunday 10:00 am—Worship -FB Live

if you have not been receiving invite to Zoom - email Wanda at thebridgpres@gmail.com. She will add you to the list.

Also look for login in info on Friday's Liturgy email

Please let Wanda know if you are having any trouble getting on zoom or Facebook live. She wants to help in anyway. Email her at thebridgepres@gmail.com

Missed Service - Watch it here

Sunday, May 24th - Facebook Live Service - https://youtu.bent_VWDYfcE0

Sunday, May 31st - Facebook Live Service - <https://youtu.be/zcydgylOfkA>



The bridge Core Habits

What does a disciple of Jesus Christ look like at ***the bridge***? Our core habits answer that question. Our core habits are:

*Pray daily - Worship together weekly - Welcome & Include everyone - Belong to a small group -
Give generously - Cherish children -
Forgive & reconcile continually - Serve our community*

Worship Weekly



Date: June 14, 2020

Title: The Workshop of Becoming

Text: Exodus 13: 17 – 22; Exodus 14: 8 - 14

Questions:

This morning we continue discussing a new concept: “liminal space.” Liminal comes from the Latin word limen which means threshold. A liminal moment is a point where you leave one place and enter another. It is a place of transition. We’ve all entered into liminal space, though we probably called it by a different – less charitable name because liminal space is full of change and unknowns. This morning we will look at Israel’s experience in the wilderness – their extended, communal experience of liminal space. Only the bible refers to their liminal experience as ‘the wilderness.’

- Mark Twain was purported to have said: “The only person who likes change is a baby with a wet diaper.”

- How do you feel about change?
- What were the biggest changes you’ve had to endure in your life?

What are the pros and cons of change?

Read this statement: “Liminal spaces are where change happens. Liminal experiences happen throughout our lives. Some are voluntary like a change in vocation or becoming a parent. Others are forced upon us like the loss of a job or the death of a spouse. Every time we go through a volatile life experience, we enter into liminal space.”

Do you think we have entered into liminal space as a church...as a nation? Why or why not?

- READ Exodus 13:17-22: Author Scot McKnight described the 40 years that Israel wandered in the wilderness as “the workshop of Israel’s becoming.” The wilderness was their temporary destination that made them who they are.

- When did the nation of Israel enter into liminal space – into the ‘workshop of their becoming?’

What caused Israel to enter the wilderness?

- How do you think the people of Israel felt about entering the wilderness? What were their hopes and dreams and promises?

What did they need to leave behind?

- READ: Exodus 13: 21: Dr. Doug suggested that the first lesson Israel had to learn in the wilderness was giving up control. How does this description of Israel and God in the wilderness illustrate the struggle the Hebrew people had with giving up control?
 - So there they were, (The former Hebrew slaves) in this in-between place, for 40 years. Letting go of the old, not yet ready to step into the new – existing between two existential planes- their identity in suspension, the death of all they've known behind them and the future yet unborn. They were no longer slaves. They were not yet free. The wilderness was their detox, their reset button, their school of identity and purpose. They needed to meet God again. They need to meet themselves again.
 - God led Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.
 - How did the gradual trusting God to lead them help Israel give control of their lives to Almighty God?
 - What is your pillar of fire? What is it that is helping you learn to trust our Lord's leading in your life during our time in the wilderness?
- Why is it so difficult for us to give up control of our lives; our schedules; our dreams to God?

- Read Exodus 14: 8 – 14: The second lesson Israel learned in the wilderness was how to be free. Dr Doug wrote: "In order to be the people of God, the Hebrews had to stop being the people of Pharaoh. You can take the people out of slavery, fear and mistrust, but it might take a wilderness to take the slavery, fear and mistrust out of the people."
 - How did encountering God in the wilderness free Israel from their former identity?
- What were you a slave to back in Egypt, in the pre-pandemic world?

- Read Exodus 20: 1 – 2:
 - What happened in the wilderness that made Israel who they are? (Hint: Dr. Doug suggested three fundamental changes).

bridge "Notes" from Patty



Do you know what I love about Worship and Creative Arts Pastor/Grammy-award songwriter/national recording artist; KJ Scriven? He's from North Carolina! He puts his heart and soul into his music. He says: "Music is a tool that prepares the ground of people's hearts so that eventually a seed of truth can be planted. But a prepared ground with no seed planted yields no fruit. So music without ministry is unproductive and pointless." In this video, the praise team is worshiping out in a field where God's majesty is so evident. I love it. I hope you have a beautiful week and I'll see you Sunday!

<https://youtu.be/7dMZi8sXqq4>



Pray Daily

Prayers for:

- Prayers for peace, unity, and healing for our divided nation during this time of political and racial unrest.
- Janet, Jerry Pierce's sister, recent surgery to remove a cancerous brain tumor, will undergo cancer treatments; prayers for healing (Teresa and Jerry Pierce).
- Lisa, with stage 4 ovarian cancer that now requires hospice care; prayers for Lisa and her husband Bob (friend of Nancy Celli).
- Pete Erbe, recent diagnosis of Leukemia; prayers for Pete and Dana as they meet with oncologists to determine treatment.
- Troy, grandson of Charlie Riddle, who is currently deployed to Washington, DC with the New Jersey National Guard to help with the recent unrest there.

Sympathy:

- Family of Ed and Patti Pirher's Aunt, Grace Callahan, who died on June 3, 2020.
- Family and friends of Jimmy Johnson, a regular attendee before his health declined, who died on June 3, 2020.

Note: Names in parentheses indicate those who made the prayer request.



First Outdoor/Drive Up Worship Service

With eager anticipation we invite our bridge family to a worship service in the church parking lot on **Sunday, June 28th, at 9:00 A.M.** Doug and the band will lead the service from the balcony.

As we plan for our first open-air worship service, we are taking special care to accommodate the needs of those who have genuine concerns about health and safety. Because we are followers of Jesus, we must put the welfare of others first. All who attend the service are strongly encouraged to maintain good social distancing practices and to wear masks. We do this not to protect ourselves but to protect others and to put them at ease, as much as possible.

That said, we want this to be a time of joyful reunion. Bring your lawn chairs, pop up canopies, or plan to sit in your car (engines off, please, to limit exhaust). Our neighbors at New Day Café will be happy to prepare breakfast sandwiches and coffee for you. You can call ahead to place an order (910-769-9036). We will also have bags of our own Fair Trade coffee for sale.

For the first time in a long time we will actually be able to receive your offerings during worship. This is a reminder for those of us who have gotten out of the habit of writing a weekly check. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

The 9:00 service will also be aired on Facebook Live for those who are unable to gather in the church parking lot. As the body of Christ, we remain one in spirit, wherever we are, when we turn to God in worship. Those who can come to the church will be warmly welcomed! Feel free to invite friends and neighbors to worship with us.



Cherish Children



During this time, it is important to stay connected to each other and to God. Because we are unable to connect in person, the Children and Families Ministry team will do our best to keep up our "normal" Sunday morning routine of having a "lesson" with activities and crafts that go along with Dr. Doug's sermons. Families, please check your email for activities, lesson ideas, and other resources from Elizabeth Murray. Please email Elizabeth at efmurray1975@gmail.com if you are not getting the resources and would like to.

Give Generously

This week's offering is \$ 5,227

As you continue to give generously during this time, you can mail your pledges to **497 Olde Waterford Way, Suite 205, Leland, NC 28451** or set up direct payment where your bank will mail a check. It is very easy to set up and if you have any questions or need help, one of the generosity team members will be glad to talk to you. Just let Wanda know.

Serve Our Community



Brunswick County Street Reach - June Sustainable Partner

Our featured Sustainable Mission Partner for June is Brunswick County Streetreach. This is a faith-based, all volunteer organization that provides assistance to the homeless in Brunswick County.

They partner with Angel Tree Camps for children of incarcerated parents. It costs \$50 for a child to enjoy a faith-filled camp for one week, and they hope to sponsor 300 children. If you would like to help sponsor a child, please make your check out for any amount to The Bridge Presbyterian Church with Angel Tree Camp in the memo, and send it to 497 Olde Waterford Way, #205, Leland, NC 28451.

We will also be collecting beach towels, suntan lotion and single serving snacks later in June. Thank you for supporting this mission project, and for bringing joy to a child who is most likely living in poverty.



The Hospitality team is resuming our Equal Exchange Coffee sales. Equal Exchange is one of The Bridge's Sustainable Partners. The sale of the products serves a dual purpose. First, we are investing in small farmers to become independent and profitable as well as sustaining their land while providing an organic product. The second purpose is to provide the coffee that we use for our Coffee Fellowship when we worship at the Bridge.

We currently are unable to physically enjoy Sunday Coffee Fellowship, but wouldn't it be wonderful to enjoy a cup of Equal Exchange coffee while connecting with each other on Zoom, prior to Sunday worship? **You can!** Below you will find a list of our products as well as the price. If you do not enjoy coffee, we are selling, tea, hot chocolate and for those with a sweet tooth we are selling chocolates

Ordering is easy as can be. Email Jane Jones at Auntiej1963@gmail.com or Sandy Sears at slsocc@yahoo.com. We will be offering delivery or pickup. Ordered items can be picked up at the Bridge on Thursday June 11th and Thursday June 25th between: 11am-12pm. Exact payment of cash or check is requested to limit contact. If you prefer zero contact, payments can be mailed to the church office, with the word COFFEE in the memo and your purchases can be delivered to your doorstep. We are limiting deliveries to the Leland Area.

If you have any questions you may email either Jane or Sandy at the emails above.

We look forward to your support, as well as sharing a cup of Equal Exchange coffee with each other as we connect virtually and or physically.

Thank you,

Jane Jones and Sandy Sears on behalf of the Hospitality Committee

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
<u>Bags of Coffee</u>	
Decaf	\$8.50
French Roast	\$8.00
Love Buzz	\$8.00
Breakfast Blend	\$8.00
Whole Bean	\$8.00
<u>K-Cups</u>	
Decaf	\$7.00
French Roast	\$7.00
Breakfast Blend	\$7.00
<u>Chocolate Bars</u>	
Milk	\$3.00
Very Dark	\$3.00
Chocolate Mint Crunch	\$3.00
Dark Chocolate Almond	\$3.00
Dark Caramel Crunch	\$3.00
Milk Caramel Crunch	\$3.00
Coconut	\$3.00
Orange	\$3.00
<u>Mini Chocolate 16 per bag</u>	
Milk Chocolate	\$5.00
Dark Chocolate	\$5.00
Cashews	\$7.00
<u>Hot Chocolate</u>	
Regular	\$6.00
Dark Chocolate	\$6.00
<u>Tea</u>	
Green Tea	\$4.00



Neighbor to Neighbor Update

Over the past month we went from working with southeastern Brunswick County, to then the whole county. We are now partnering with the North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry to try and help spread this operation throughout the state. We've also been talking to other county commissioners across the state regarding the Neighbor to Neighbor operation as how it could be implemented in their area.

We believe volunteers will basically come from area churches (of all denominations) as well as civic organizations. We're going to try and obtain funding through grants (as we have) as well as from counties and municipalities.

We've also moved from just doing person to person transports (we still do this) to taking groceries and/or meds to homebound clients by delivering these items to their front porch. This basically eliminates the exposure and provides the social distancing (as the volunteer really doesn't get in close proximity with the client).

Here in Brunswick, we are partnering with Brunswick Senior Resources (BSRI) and Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA) to help deliver food and supplies to the elderly and medically disabled, who have no means to get help.

The problem is, we really need volunteers...now.

We need folks to help take food and / or medicine to the homebound elderly and the medically disabled who have no means to get out for essential items.

I have enclosed forms which a volunteer could fill out. All a person must do is complete them and then send it to me as a photo in an email. We also need a photo of their driver's license, vehicle registration card and vehicle insurance card. My email address is marty.Cooke@RideN2N.org. These forms can also be found on our website, RideN2N.org and the direct link for the applications are at RideN2N.org/Covid-19.

Besides volunteer drivers, if you know of anyone who is homebound and needs Neighbor to Neighbor's help, please let me know and I'll follow up with them.

For more information, my personal cell number is 910-279-0003 and my N2N phone is 910-393-7643. As always, if I can do anything on this end to be of help, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thanks,

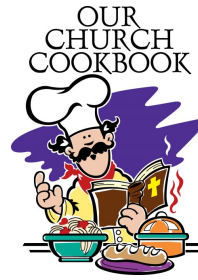
J.M. "Marty" Cooke, MA
North Carolina Volunteer Coordinator

Misc. Announcements

Celebrating Birthdays at the bridge - June



Richard	Cantin	3
Bettye	Weihs	16
Matt	Stevens	20
Romie	Holmes	23
Mary	Campbell	28



The bridge Cookbook

The Hospitality Team is excited to announce its plans to publish our first Bridge Presbyterian Church cookbook! With your help we hope to have it available for purchase between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, 2020. Profits from this project will go to support two of our sustainable mission partners, Hope Harbor House and New Hope Clinic. Both missions are centered in Brunswick County and offer programs to either victims of domestic violence and their families or provide quality medical, dental and pharmacy services to low income and the uninsured.

Our cookbook will be dedicated to the memory of Ann Batten who passed away in February of this year. Ann and her husband, Virgil, joined the Bridge Presbyterian Church in the fall of 2017. Ann was actively involved in the Women of the Bridge and was instrumental in getting us thinking about publishing a cookbook. However, the cookbook committee did not get up and running until the month following her sudden death. We will miss her guidance as we work on this project, but the Batten Family has promised to submit many of her favorite recipes for us to enjoy.

So here is where each of you comes in! We are asking each of you to share some of your favorite recipes and submit them for entry in our cookbook. The heart of a great cookbook is great recipes, so it is important that we include recipes from as many contributors as possible. If you know of other relatives or friends who are good cooks please invite them to share their favorite recipes with us, as well. Being a small church, we would encourage you not to limit the number of recipes you submit. You are encouraged to share around 10 -12 recipes each so that all our categories and subcategories include a wide range of deliciousness!

There will be three ways for you to submit your recipes. One way is to use the U-Type It Online feature of Cookbook Publishers. (Further information will be forthcoming with directions for you to follow to get on their website to type your recipes directly into our account.) For those that prefer not to type your own recipes on-line the committee is setting up a basket outside the office doors at the church for you to drop off your submitted recipes or you can take a photo/copy of your recipes and send them directly to kathywestphal16@gmail.com. Our committee will be happy to do the typing for you!

So, while we spend more time at home due to Covid-19, please consider spending time looking through your file boxes, scribbled recipe notes or organized folders of your family favorites and decide on the ones you most wish to share with your church family and friends.

Your Cookbook Committee,

Kathy Westphal, chair

Cathy Wilson

Sharon Wingert

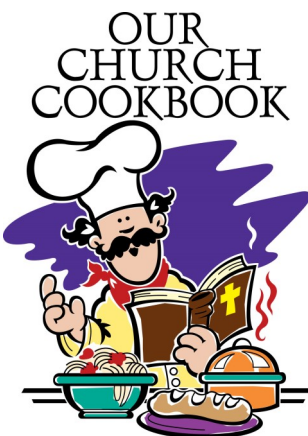
Joyce Roberts

Mary Campbell

***** instructions on submissions following**

U-TYPE IT ON-LINE DIRECTIONS FOR COOKBOOK RECIPES

- Go to cookbookpuslishers.com
- Scroll down & click on green button that says U-Type It Online.
- Login information: Login Box: bridgepresby
Password: 497waterford
- On next screen, click green edit button.
- Click on recipe box icon.
- You should now be in section for adding recipes. Click on orange box at top "Add a Recipe". Don't do anything with recipe status at this time. Leave it set to Data Entry.
- Choose a category and a subcategory for your recipe from the drop- down box.
- Type in recipe title, using capital letters for all important words.
- Subtitle box: If you are submitting a Bridge Cookoff Recipe please state: Church Cookoff Recipe (or Winner) in this box.
- Type in your name, double checking spelling!
- You can open boxes on right for Common Abbreviations and Special Characters (i.e. degree symbol). Use abbreviations for consistency.
- List ingredients, only 1 per line. Use the + box to add more boxes for more ingredients.
- Type instructions in paragraph form. Type "Note:" at the end of paragraph if there is something special to say about this recipe or for clarification. We may or may not include the notes in the final cookbook, depending on cost or how many we get.
- Preview recipe. If you find an error, please go back to where you typed in the ingredients/ directions and make changes.



THANK YOU



HOPE HARBOR HOME, INC.

Brunswick County's Response to Domestic Violence



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E-mail: hhrresources@atmc.net • www.hopeharborhome.org

June 3, 2020

The Bridge Presbyterian Church
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Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for your very generous contribution, in assisting with our mission of helping victims of domestic violence in Brunswick County. No goods or services were provided to you in return for your contribution.

In 2018-19, we provided more than 1,880 nights of shelter to more than 150 women and children. Our shelter has 15 adult beds and 5 cribs. We provide advocacy services to more than 1,000 victims and prevention/ education to more than 6,800. These are the victims of domestic violence for whom Hope Harbor Home has been a beacon of hope for more than 30 years. As the demand for our help increases, so does our reliance on the generosity of those who care. We operate 3 Hope Chest Thrift/ Outreach stores to raise money for our programs and to provide a source of goods for the victims we help. They are located at Leland, Oak Island and Holden Beach. We want you as a donor, shopper and volunteer!

In a perfect world, people would not beat those they claim to love. In a perfect world, no precious child would be subjected to the lasting trauma and sorrow of growing up in a violent home. In this imperfect world, we treasure your continued commitment to our mission, and it is a blessing to have you as a supporter!

Sincerely,

Karmen Smith
Executive Director

P.S. For your records, our federal tax identification number is 56-1541947.

Date of Check: 5/26/2020
Check number: 2242
Amount: \$500.00